

RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE
OHIO NATIONAL GUARD WHO
ARE SERVING CLEVELAND
FOODBANKS

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 2, 2021

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Those serving the Cleveland area include: CAPT Keffer, SGT Fowler, SGT Jarkewicz, SGT Buzi, SGT Wooden, SGT Billingsley, Jared Kaczur, Aaron Kaczur, Tonya Sypolt, Bobby Shepherd. The Greater Cleveland Foodbank has recognized these individuals for going "above and beyond to help" at its weekly drive-through distribution and deliveries of groceries to older adults.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on June 29, 2021 as I was examining the crisis at our Southern Border with President Donald J. Trump and Governor Greg Abbott. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call No. 193, "yea" on rollcall No. 194, "nay" on rollcall No. 195; "nay" on rollcall No. 196; "nay" on rollcall No. 197; "nay" on rollcall No. 198; "nay" on rollcall No. 199; "nay" on rollcall No. 200; "nay" on rollcall No. 201; "yea" on rollcall No. 202; "nay" on rollcall No. 203; "yea" on rollcall No. 204; "nay" on rollcall No. 205; "nay" on rollcall No. 206; "yea" on rollcall No. 207; and "nay" on rollcall No. 208.

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Lorain Ohio's Second Harvest Foodbank coordinated with the Ohio National Guard's CPT Stephanie Duarte and SFC Monique Bryant, who commanded a team of thirty soldiers from different units in a mission to serve the foodbank and its neighbors. They developed food drives through mobile pantries and partnered with community organizations and law enforcement personnel, in an effort to ensure that people received food. The Ohio National Guard and its team helped the Second Harvest Foodbank of Lorain deliver 18.6 million pounds of food serving 172,000 unique individuals.

TRIBUTE TO JOYCE MULLIKEN

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of one of my constituents, Joyce Mulliken of Ephrata. Joyce Mulliken was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She will be dearly missed by her husband of 57 years, Mike, their son Dan, and her entire community.

A loyal and dedicated public servant, Joyce served in the Washington State House of Representatives representing Grant, Kittitas, and Yakima counties. After serving four terms in the State House, Joyce then served as a Washington State Senator in 2003, dutifully representing her beloved community.

In 2006, Joyce was appointed to the Growth Management Hearings Board, where she worked with citizens, communities, and the private sector to coordinate and plan growth so our state could continue to prosper while protecting our quality of life. After her time as an elected official, she continued to lend her knowledge and insights on legislation with elected officials, even as recently as the 2021 session.

We owe a great debt to Joyce for her continued leadership and integrity, and she leaves a remarkable and admirable legacy behind her. May we all aspire to replicate her continued willingness to be mentor and a friend throughout her life. May her family and her community continue to be blessed by her memory. Rest in Peace, my friend.

RECOGNIZING LEADING FAMILIES
HOME

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OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Beach House Family Shelter's 100th anniversary. Founded in Toledo in 1921 as Beach House Family Shelter, the organization is now under the auspices of Leading Families Home. It provides families with resources to effectively transition from homelessness to permanent housing.

In 1921, Mrs. Helen (Beach) Jones, the wife of former Toledo mayor Samuel Jones, began working with several local women's organizations to establish a shelter for homeless single women and women with children. Progressive and nationally known, Mayor Samuel "Golden Rule" Jones lived by the teaching to "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This guiding principle directed Mrs. Jones' efforts and leadership as well. Beach House offered structure and stability to struggling women, teaching them the skills needed to move forward. So many families were given new life and a chance for success through Beach House.

In the early 1980s, Beach House began to include homeless intact families and single fathers with children in an effort to keep families together. This initiative has helped families achieve success.

Beach House combined with FOCUS in 2016 to become Leading Families Home. FOCUS was founded in 1982 by pastors in the Old West End neighborhood of Toledo in response to growing community needs to help people regain independence and economic stability through education and employment.

The work of Leading Families Home has helped hundreds of families in the Greater Toledo Metropolitan area and throughout Lucas County. Its efforts provide refuge to those who have nowhere else to go. Its mission to provide a safe haven has been a lifeline to so many. Residents are offered clean beds, meals, showers, washers and dryers, and personal hygiene items. Further, residents receive access to programs dedicated to vocational training, education, work referrals, and other resources to help people gain and maintain employment. This one-on-one attention is exactly what individuals need to regain stability in their life.

Given the circumstances of the past year, physical and mental health have become at the forefront of all our lives. Leading Families Home recognizes the importance of health and has made it a mission to serve residents with a team of trained mental health counselors and behavioral specialists to assist.

From 1921 to 2021 Leading Families Home has helped improve the Toledo Metropolitan area as well as Lucas County by their continuous efforts to assist people in need. I hereby recognize and congratulate the Leading Families Home organization for one hundred years of dedicated service to the Toledo community.